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1. The Skoda factory, Dubnica nad Vahom (P49/T69) is situated on the east side of the Bratislava (P49/X99) - Zilina (150/092) highway. The factory covers an area of about six square kilometers. The main workshop is located near the highway and the ammunition stores are built into the hills. The ammunition factory "Udoli" is in the valley about three kilometers from the main workshop. Before the war this plant consisted of ten buildings. Ecrasite is now manufactured in two of the buildings; the rest are being reconstructed.
2. During World War II, about 18,000 people were employed at the factory turning out heavy cannon, bombs, naval torpedoes, artillery grenades, fuses, etc. The retreating German army destroyed nearly 90 per cent of the factory. The underground installations, which had proved invulnerable under fire of 500-1,000 kg bombs, remained intact even after the Germans detonated nine carloads of explosives inside the buildings. All of the machinery and equipment, however, was destroyed.
3. Postwar reconstruction put the factory back into operating order, but a shortage of special machines and tools made it necessary to engage in the production of non-military articles. The production of war materials began again in the spring of 1949. Only two of the underground plants are in operation at present; in these cannons are repaired and fuses of various types are manufactured. Full production is expected to begin in November 1950. Tools and machinery are being delivered from the Skoda Works, Pilsen (150/L04). About 120 carloads of machinery were delivered by August 1950, including:

10 special boring lathes  
3 relieving lathes  
10 horizontal drills  
50 turret lathes  
2 coordinate drills ("CIP" type)  
15 planing machines  
5 power saws

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In the repair shop [redacted] 75-mm caliber cannon and various machine tools are repaired. The tool room [redacted] houses the factory where [redacted] dredgers, and parts for branch railroads are manufactured. Machinery of the H-2 shop consists of:

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- 20 lathes
  - 5 centerless lathes
  - 1 relieving lathe
  - 4 horizontal drills
  - 7 millin machines
  - 4 single drilling machines
  - 1 complete grinding plant
  - 2 pneumatic riveting machines
  - 2 pneumatic drop hammers
  - 15 electric welding machines
  - 5 autogenous welding machines

The assembly room [redacted] was installed during the war and consists of eight assembly lines. [redacted] cranes, dredges, and trailers have been assembled here in the past, but it is rumored that anti-aircraft guns will be manufactured here. The machinery consists of:

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- 8 horizontal drills
- 1 large planing machine
- 2 marking tables for casting
- 2 hydraulic presses

A new foundry building has been constructed near the other installations, on a plot of ground 800 m square. Electric furnaces and converters [redacted] and four large hydraulic presses constitute part of the new fittings. Production is scheduled to begin sometime in 1951. It is expected that the foundry will be one of the largest in Czechoslovakia when it is fully equipped.

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The factory employs about 6,000 workers including about 400 men in the Workers' Militia and about 50 men in the plant security police. A partial list of leading personnel follows:

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Workshop Manager	Ing. Maximilian Wolf [redacted]
Technical Manager	Ing. Rudolf Oravec [redacted]
Chief of Personnel Dept.	Augustin Cen [redacted]
Chief of Accounting Office	Jiri Nemecek [redacted]
Political Secretary	Josef Sivak [redacted]
Chief of Production	Dr. Ing. Jan Cefko [redacted]
Chairman of KTC	Antonin Samak [redacted]
Chairman of POH	Jan Potocek [redacted]
Chairman of Workshop Council	Karol Hornak [redacted]

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Commander of Workshop  
Security

Rudolf Strana,

Commander of the  
Military Control

Staff Capt. Milan Bojanovsky

Chief of Military  
Production

Ing. Tomasak

Chief of Non-military  
Production

Ing. Ondrej Kravec

Chief of Operations

Jaroslav Jabornicky

Head Foreman

Frantisek Tomasek

Main Controller

Josef Siroz

Head Foreman of

Martin Jancar,

Head Foreman of

Gustav Micka,

Anton Vesely

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